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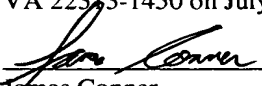


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Docket No.: 57.0498 US NP

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	CUSTOMER NO. 37003
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SHERWOOD et al.	)	Confirmation No. 8579
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Application No.: 10/849,745	)	Group: 3672
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2006, Applicants would like to submit the following Amendment:

**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected in the replacement sheet enclosed with this paper in accordance with 37 CFR 1.84. The replacement sheet provides a replacement drawing for Fig. 1B in which, in conformity with the original claims, one or more openings in the riser tube are shown. Furthermore, in the replacement drawing, the reference 121 is configured to point at a particular object. Corresponding amendments to the specification relating to Figure 1B are provided below.

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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.